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1. SUMMARY. MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 15 AT HIROSHIMA OF JAPAN-BASED MEMBERS OF RERF SUBCOMMITTEE FORMED BY BOARD DIRECTORS AT JUNE 1976 MEETING FOR PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDING BOARD ACTION ON PROBLEMS REQUIRING CHANGE IN ACT OF ENDOWMENT. FOLLOWING PROBLEMS REVIEWED: A. NAME OF FOUNDATION, B. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON PROXIES AND SPOKESMEN, C. RELOCATION HIROSHIMA LABORATORY, D. LOCATION RERF HEADQUARTERS IN TOKYO, E. ASSIGNMENT HIGH LEVEL MANAGER TO NAGASAKI. END SUMMARY.

2. MEETING PRESIDED OVER BY ALLEN AND ATTENDED BY KURAKAWA, EMORI, TAKABE, RAPPAPORT AND HENOKH. YAMASHITA ATTENDED ENTIRE SESSION AND PARTICIPATED AS CALLED UPON BY ALLEN. PURPOSE TO BOIL DOWN DISCUSSIONS AND PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FULL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WOULD INCLUDE JABLON AND KROPP ON JANUARY 26, 1977 IN TOKYO.

3. NAME CHANGE. AT BINATIONAL MEETING WHEN RERF ESTABLISHED, JAPAN RADIATION RESEARCH SOCIETY REQUESTED BOTH ORALLY AND BY LETTER TO MOFA AND MHW THAT RERF CHANGE NAME TO ELIMINATE APPARENT CONFLICT BETWEEN RESPONSIBILITIES OF ORGANIZATIONS. CERTAIN GROUP OF SURVIVORS

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ALSO REQUESTED CHANGE WHICH WOULD RETURN WORDS ATOMIC BOMB TO TITLE IN ORDER TO RETAIN THEIR IDENTITY. PRIMARY PROBLEM IS JAPANESE TRANSLATION OF NAME WHICH OBJECTORS BELIEVE TO BE TOO BROAD AND ALL-ENCOMPASSING. SINCE THERE HAVE BEEN ESSENTIALLY NO EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN TVER THE NAME SINCE INITIAL FORMATION OF ORGANIZATION AND SINCE NO OBLIGATION EXISTS TO TAKE ANY FORMAL ACTION, GROUP WILL SUGGEST TO SUBCOMMITTEE THAT RECOMMENDATION BE MADE

TO BOARD TO TAKE NO ACTION WHATSOEVER.

4. PROXIES AND SPOKESMEN. THERE ARE TWO PROLEMS HERE:

A. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ENGLISH AND JAPANESE VERSIONS OF ACT OF ENDOWMENT, B. SEATING OF SPOKESMEN AT BOARD MEETINGS.

A. ENGLISH VERSION OF ACT DID NOT REPEAT NOT LIMIT ASSIGNMENT OF PROXY TO BOARD MEMBER,; JAPANESE VERSION REQUIRED THAT BOARD MEMBER PROXY COULD ONLY BE GIVE, TO OTHER BOARD MEMBER. MOU PREPARED OCTOBER 24, 1975 TO REVISE ENGLISH VERSION TO CORRESPOND WITH JAPANESE VERSION. IF MOU SATISFACTORY SUB-COMMITTEE SEES NO URGENCY TO KMGE ACT.

B. AT SECOND BOARD MEETING TWO U.S. MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND, GAVE PROXIES TO TWO BOARD MEMBERS AND ALSO ASKED TWO OTHER ATTENDEES TO SPEAK FOR THEM AT MEETING. AT BEGINNING OF MEETING SPOKESMEN REQUESTED TO BE SEATED AT TABLE WITH BOARD MEMBERS AND YAMASHITA AGREED ALTHOUGH NUMBER OF JAPANESE BELIEVED IT INAPPROPRIATE. ERDA REP REQUESTED TO QUERY LIVERMAN AND ASCERTAIN WHETHER ERDA WILL AGREE TO PROCEDURE WHERE ONLY BOARD MEMBERS SIT AT BOARD TABLE AND OTYR ATTENDEES SIT WITH OBSERVERS. CHAIRMAN INDICATES CONTINUED WILLINGNESS TO CAL ON ANY OBSERVER WHO WISH TO BE RECOGNIZED. IF ERDA

UNWILLING TO AGREE TO THIS PROCEDURE, SUBCOMMITTEE SHOULD CONSIDER CHANGE IN ACT TO PERMIT BOARD MEMBERS TO DELEGATE PROXY TO ANYONE RATHER THAN JUST TO UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHER BOARD MEMBER. PART OF PROBLEM IS WHETHER ERDA WASHES SPOKESMEN TO BE FORMALY RECOGNIZED POSITION WITH SPECIFIED ROLE OR NOT.

5. RELOCATION HIROSHIMA LABORATORY. FOR SOME YEARS TY CITY OF HIROSHIMA HAS EXPRESSED A DESIRE THAT THE LAB BE MOVED AWAY FROM HIJIYAMA SO THAT THE AREA BEING OCCUPIED BY THE LABS COULD BE INCORPORATED INTO THE PARK. THE

LOCAL LIAISON COUNCIL HAS A SUBCOMMITTEE STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF THE LAB MOVING OFF THE HILL TO CERTAIN OF THE BUILDINGS WHICH NOW CONSTITUTE HIROSHIMA UNIVERSITY. SINCE YHNEW BUILDINGS FOR THE UNIVERSITY TO MOVE INTO HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN BEGUN YET, IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT A SERIOUS PROPOSAL CAN BE FORMULATED WITHIN THE NEXT FOUR OR FIVE YEARS. SINCE PRESENT LOCATION SATISFACTORY, SINCE PROGRAMS COULD EXPERIENCE SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN NEXT FEW YEARS REQUIRING ALTERATIONS IN FACILITIES, AND ALSO IN CONFORMANCE WITH JABLON EXPRESSION AT PRIOR MEETING, SUBCOMMITTEE WISHES TO RECOMMEND NO BOARD ACTION UNTIL FOUNDATION APPROAKX BY CITY WITH SPECIFIC PROPOSAL. IN EVENT THAT RELOCATION IMMINENT, LIKELY THAT FOUNDATION WOULD WISH TO EXPLORE WHOLE RANGE OF POSSIBILITIES, RATHER THAN JUST ONE PROPOSED. TAKABE AGREED TO WRITE UP REPORT FOR BOARD FROM SUBCOMMITTEE.

6. OPENING OF RERF TOKYO OFFICE. AS A POSSIBLE MECHANISM FOR ATTEMPTING TO EQUALIZE NAGASAKI WITH HIROSHIMA, THE PROPOSAL TO OPEN A MAIN RERF OFFICE IN TOKYO, TO WHICH BOTH HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI WOULD BE SUBORDINATE, WAS MADE SOME TIME AGO. THE SUBCOMMITTEE WAS OT REPEAT NOT INCLINED TO TAKE THE SUGGESTION SERIOUSLY AND WILL SUGGEST THATIT NOT BE PASSED ALONG TO THE BOARD.

7.; ASSIGNMENT HIGH LEVEL MANAGER TO NAGASAKI. THE DEEP ROOTED PROBLEM OF NAGASAKI'S DISSATISFACTION WITH A SUBORDINATE POSITION WAS DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH WITHOUT ANY REAL DEFINITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF A POTENTIAL SOLUTION. FREQUENT VISITS OF HIROSHIMA HIGH LEVEL TECHNICAL STAFF HAVE NOT SATISFIED NAGASAKI. OCCASIONAL DELEGATIONS OF RESPONSIBILKITY REQUESTED UNCLASSIFIED

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BY NAGASAKI IN EITHER TECHNICAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS HAVE RESULTED IN THEIR INABILITY TO EFFECTIVELY CARRY OUT THE ASSIGNMENTS THEY HAVE ASKED FOR. ON OTHER OCCASIONS THEY HAVE DECLINED TO ACCEPT ASSIGNMENTS RECOGNIZING THEIR LACK OF CAPABILITY. VARIOUS ASSIGNMENTS OF HIGH LEVEL TECHNICAL PEOPLE HAVE BEEN AND ARE BEING CONSIDERED BUT NO REPEAT NO SATISSAATORY RESOLUTION APPARENT. ONE JAPANESE SUGGESTION WAS WHAT A PERMANENTLY STATIONED JAPANESE DIRECTOR IINNAGASAKI POSSIBLE SOLUTION. MHW REP INDICATED THEY PUT MONEY IN JFY 77 BUDGET FOR ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR AND ASKED ERDA REACTION. ERDA REP RECITED LIVERMAN REACTION IN ERDA 0514 AND SUGGESTED MHW NOT REPEEAT NOT REVISEE BUDGET UNLESS CONCURRED IN BY U.S. SIDE. YAMASHITA THINKS TWO ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTORS, ONE AT EACH

LAB MIGHT SOLVE PROBLEM. IT WAS JUST RECENTLY
LEARNED THE RECORD OF DISCUSSION IN JAPANESE INDICATES
U.S. AND JAPANESE WILLINGNESS TO ESTABLISH ONE OR
MORE POSITIONS AT NAGASAKI. POSITIONS LITERALLY
TRANSLATED AS QUOTE CHIEF OF LABORATORY UNQUOTE,
COULD BE THAT FAILURE TO ASSIGN SUCH POSITION MAY BE
BASIS OF PROBLEM.

GROUP BRIEFLY DISCUSSED PROBLEMS WITH BOTH PERMANENT
AND TEMPORARY OR ROTATIONAL ASSIGNMENT OF CURRENT
BOARD MEMBERS TO NAGASAKI WITHOUT COMING UP WITH
ANY AGREED UPON DIRECTION. ERDA REP AGREED TO
CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH MHW.

COMMENT. UPON RECEIPT ERDA 0514. SCIREP CONTACTED
FINCH AND READ HIM CONTENTS. ALSO CONTACTED SABURI
AND TOLD HIM OF CONTENTS AND THAT LETTER ON WAY FROM
LIVERMAN. APPARENTLY SABURI DID NOT REPEAT NOT
RELAY INFORMATION TO KURAKAWA. END COMMENT.
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